

The Science of Silence

One major reason that English orthography is much maligned is the frequency with which we encounter so-called “silent” letters, but the term “silent” is a misnomer, because technically, *all* letters are silent: none of them ever make a peep! Moreover, when we just chalk up spellings to “silent” letters, we miss opportunities to better understand the *function(s)* of any unpronounced letters. Not all non-graphemic letters are created equal; there are distinct reasons why written words may have some letters that are not pronounced. What are those distinct reasons? How can we tell the difference between one “silent” letter and another? Study the Science of Silence in this 4.5-hour seminar comprised of three 90-minute installments.

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Installation 3: Zeros and Etymological Markers

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